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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on November 3, 2005, **TERRY L. SAMUELS**, age 38, of East St. Louis, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis for being a felon in possession of a firearm. **SAMUELS** pled guilty to the offense on August 12, 2005. **SAMUELS** was sentenced to 235 months of imprisonment, five (5) years of supervised release, and a fine of \$900.

The violation occurred on October 13, 2004, when **SAMUELS**, his two brothers, and a cousin abducted and assaulted another cousin in an incident that began in Cahokia, Illinois, and ended in Belleville, Illinois. During the incident, **SAMUELS** possessed a gun which he used to strike the victim several times.

The investigation was conducted by the Belleville Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, in cooperation with the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office, as part of those agencies' participation in Project Safe Neighborhoods, a nationwide initiative intended to combat gun and drug crimes. The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Angela Scott and Andrew Simonson.